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Meager News from Far East.

REPORTS UNRELIABLE

War Correspondents Trying to Get Up a Fight Without Success.

THE APPROACHING CONTEST

Looks as Though Both Russia and Japan Are Afraid of Each Other and If a Naval Battle Is Fought It Will Be Between War Correspondents.

London, April 19 .- The British public is now only beginning to realize how much depends on Togo's skilful conduct in the approaching great naval contest. Until Rojestvensky actually arrives at the straights of Malacca there was a disposition to ridicule the efforts of the Russian squadron, but there is seen to be a growing liklihood of Nebogatoff joining Rojestvensky before the futal struggle opens, the interest is deeplning into anxiety.

According to a Tokio correspondent from the news agency, a momentous war conference lasting five hours was held there Wednesday. It is not difficult to conjecture the nature of the deliberations.

A Tokio correspondent states that Japan had addressed a protest to France on the Russian Pacific squadrons' presence in Kamran bay, but France has not yet replied. The Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio declares that the Japanese fleet has sailed from Kamranh bay.

Hong Kong states that two steamers which passed close to Kamranh Sunday report no Russian vessels vis-London to show that the Russians have left Kamranh and it is assumed that they are still there.

The Post commenting on the situation, contends that it is a matter of importance, considering Great Britain's world wide interests to endeavor to secure more definite agreement on the question of neutrality of the use of neutral by beligerents.

Harbin, April 19 .- A determined attempt was made on the night of April 17 to cut the railroad between Harbin and Viadivostok, a formadable body of Chinese bandits making an attack Monday morning. near Imyanpo, 100 miles east of Harbin. After a desperate fight which laster for several hours the bandits were driven off and dispersed.

Various reports of wide turning movements at Tsitsikar or eastward of Many of them have large families. that point, but as yet rumors are apparently unfounded. Vigorous skirm- ried. It was announced tonight that ishes have taken place on the east flank of the Russian army, however, tell 'er s'ory. and seem to indicate that the Japanese are planning a thrust northeastward and interpose a forec between Harbin and Vladivostok.

OBERG GETS DAMAGES.

Awarded \$10,000 for Injuries in Elks' Excursion.

Portland, April 19.-Charles Oberg, injured in the wreck of the Elks' spe-\$10,000 damages by Judge Bellinger. life imprisonment. The Northern Pacific railroad company by Oberg, who was a Portland plasterer at the time of the accident. He sued for \$30,000 damages.

ly, with the consent of both sides, ap- tude toward him, and did not realize pointed six disinterested physicians of what he had done until too late. He report of the matter that the measure threatened his life. The governor has of damages is based-five out of six no intention of commuting the senphysicians having given it as their tence.

opinion that Oberg was suffering from traumatic neurastihenia, or hysteria, uperinduced by the accident in ques-

JUSTICE BY TELEPHONE.

Farmer Tried and Convicted and Pays His Fine.

Bloomington, Ill., April 19.—Fined by elephone, paying his fine by mail to a ils.ant town, is the way Robert Willard, a busy armer rear Elkhart, Ill., dirp and of a care in which he was charged with drunkenness and disororderly conduct. Constable Pettit went from Lincoln to arrest Willard. The latter was plowing in his field and represented to the constable that he could not afford to spend two days in going and coming from Lincoln, as his prospective corn crop demanded his

After some discussion the constable dublously agreed to the use of the telephone which Willard has in the farmhouse. The accused man got in connection with Justice Rudolph of Lincoln, asked what the charge was, pleaded guilty and was told his fine. including costs, would be \$14.

"Can I remit it by mail?" asked Wil-

"Sure," answered the justice. So Willard mailed the money, which was received today, went back to plowing, and the incident was closed.

PRIZE FIGHTS IN MICHIGAN.

Governor Warner Puts Cybosh on

Kalamazoo Fight. Lancing Mich., April 19.-Governor as governor. The statement was in- to pieces at Vladivostok by Japanese spired by a report which reached the shells, and Mrs Ristoftseva, a Russian governor to the effect that fight pro- Red Cross nurse, who was in Port Ar-Kalamazco between two pugilists of Bruns is on parole and both are en

Cacsar Young.

and Most of Them Have Families.

s on trial for the third time on a formed the bulk. charge of murdering Caesar Young. was completed at 7:30 tonight and as soon as the panael was completed Recorder Goff adjourned court until next Arrives in Butte and Is Entertained

The jury is composed almost entirely of married men, only two being /single, one a bachelor and the other a widower. Most of the jury-Some have daughters who are marthe defendant will take the stand and

PLEADING FOR LIFE.

With the Governor.

and secured an audience with Gover- ena thence for the west. nor Chamberlain with the hope of havcial, August. 1903, was today awarded ing his death sentence commuted to

During the audience with the gov- American Squadron Will Bring His Rewas the defendant in the suit brought ernor, Guglielmo wept like a child, and between sobs told the chief executive high professional standing to investi- also claims he was carrying a gun for

Steamer Minnesota Arrives at Scattle.

OUICK TRIP

Brought a Number of Port Arthur Paroled Russian Officers and Wives.

ALSO LARGE CARGO OF HEMP

There Were Also a Number of United joint conference to be held soon by Big Teamsters' Employing Company States Army Officers from Manilla, the mayor traction interests and city Either on Leave of Absence or Who council committee on transportation. Had Boen Ordered to Report.

Seattle, April 19 .--- Among the passengers on the steamship Minnesota, Warner Seclared that he would not just arrived from the orient, were Lieuigan for large purses during his term sian armored cruiser Rurik, pounded be given some soup. moters were planning a fistic battle in thur throughout the slege. Lieutenant national reputation for a purse of \$10,- route to St. Petersburg. Lieutenant Bruns is heartbroken over his capture and the fact that he is not now with Rojestvensky's squadron. Mrs. Ristoftseva tells thrilling stories of the fight at Port Arthur and of its siege

Seattle, April 19 .- The steamer Min-Jury Secured to Try Murderer of ship Company's Seattle-Oriental fleet, and the largest freight carrier affoat, reached port last pight on her return voyage from the orient, having broken all trans-Pacific records on her trip across. The Minnesota's time from PRICES ARE RAISED AGAIN The Telegraph's correspondent from POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY Yokohama was 13 days 21 hours and 5

Among her passengers were a number of Russian officers and their wives being sent home on parole from Characteristic of the Beef Trust to Rob everything in dispute. Nothing of a ible. No news, however, has reached The Jury is Composed Entirely of Shanghai, whither they were taken at Married Men, Only Two Being Single the time of the capture of Port Ar--One Bachelor and One Widdower, thur. There were also a number of American army officers coming from Manila, e ther on leave or under orders to report at Washington, D. C.

Altogether the M'nnesota brought 162 passengers, 47 of whom were first New York, April 19.-The jury to class, and a little more than 7000 tons declos the fate of Nan Patterson, who of general freight, of which hemp

CHICAGO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

by Citizens.

Butte, April 19 .- A delegation of ten members from the Chicago Commercial Club arrived in Butte this afternoon, draft resolutions denouncing the westbeing met by a reception committee ern packers, or to frame a schedule of tary of the treasury, proclaimed the men are middle aged and beyond from the Butte Businessmen's Assoclation. Tonight an informal reception ers, but all those present agreed that quarter commencing on that date at row as the guests of J. R. Wharton, prices. Many, indeed, reported that 49.8 after May 1. manager of Senator W. A. Clark's they already had done so and were street railway system, they will be charging the public 3 to 5 cents a pound to the fact that Mexico adopts the gold taken over the city in special cars, a more for good beef than they did three standard on that date. For customs visit being made to the famous Ana- weeks ago. conda and Neversweat copper mines, Murderer Guglielmo Has Interview among the largest and deepest properties in Butte. A visit will also be Salem, April 19.-Pleading parental made to the big Washoe Copper smelt- License Imposed on Telegraph and neglect as an excuse for his crime, ers in Anaconda. A reception will be Frank Guglielmo, the condemned mur- given the Chicagoans tomorrow night. derer of Freda Guarascia, asked for Thursday the party will leave for Hel- introduced at the council meeting last tries other than Mexico, 47.7 cents, the

PAUL JONES' BODY.

mains to America.

Paris, April 19 .- The state depart-

TOO GOOD FOR SOLDIERS.

Sold at Auction.

agement of the Red Cross has come source,

forward with an explanation of the recent finding of a large number of boxes of currants, raisins, etc., presented to the orginalization by Greeks in retail shops at St. Petersburg and Moscow with the presentation cards inside the boxes. It is claimed in behalf of the management that the fruit was sold for \$15,000 in St. Petersburg, and Mos- No Adjustment of Existing cow because it was too expensive to ship it to the far east, and that the proceeds were used to purchase more necessary articles for the soldiers at the front.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Partial Agreement Reached in Chicago by Companies and City.

Chicago, April 19.-Negotiations for the purpose of acquiring the Chicago street railways were opened today between the traction companies and representatives of the etty of Chicago. The proposition pending under which the companies are at once to proceed to modernize all the lines and sell to the city at a fair profit thus getting rid of all legal complications and securing immediate muhicipal ownership.

The nearest approach to definite results was obtained from the conference was a practical agreement on

Jefferson Improving.

Palm Beach, April 19 .- Joseph Jefferson is reported to be improving and high hopes are entertained of his recovery. At a late hour tonight a statement was made that Jefferstn was

Baseball Scores.

Portland-Lo: Angeles 3, Portland (Tacoma-Seattle 1, Tacoma 3. Sar Francisco-Oakland 6, San Fran-

nesota, of the Great Northern Steam- Only Millionaires in New York recently organized in this city began Can Afford Beefsteak.

the Public and Make Beef so High tangible nature is expected at the con-Liver on Thanksgiving Day.

New York, April 19 .- A further advance of 1 to 2 cents a pound in meat has been agree! upon by the west end butchers of this city. At a mass meeting of the trade it was stated that the pockers had added another half cent to their raise last week which amounted to 2 cents a pound and made Prices Advanced Since Establishment a total advance of 3 cents in three weeks.

It was considered useless by those

SALEM NEEDS MONEY.

Express Companies.

Salem, April 19.-Ordinances were evening providing for a license of \$240 silver builion basts." per annum upon all telegraph and express companies operating in the city, and also a license of \$100 monthly upon trading stamp companies which may The American Ambassador at Russia attempt to do business in the city. An annual tax of \$240 has already been

Circumstances.

TEAMING COMPANY OUT

Strike is Spreading in Chicago and More Teamsters Ordered Out.

MONTGOMERY WARD BOYCOT

Began Aggressive Action Against the Strikers, Being a New and Unex pected Factor in the Field.

Chicago, April 19 .- Although Influences are still at work with the hope tioners' International Union for a much better and would survive. He of an anicable adjustment of the difpermit any puglitstic contests in Mich- tenant R. Bruns, an officer of the Rus- took grave fruit at noon and asked to ficulty existing between the teamsters' union and Montgomery, Ward & Co. States cuprerse court declaring the would be reached, the indications tonight are that the strike of the teamsters will spread to other concerns. To- tion of asking the supreme court for day 150 drivers employed by E. M a rehearing in the case. Forbes Teaming Company ordered a strike because the firm insisted or making deliveries to the Montgomery-Ward Company. President Spear of

International Brotherhood of Teamstern declared tonight that he would order out all teamsters and drivers engaged by firms that insisted in delivering supplies to the big store. The big employers teaming company

an aggressive campaign against the striking teamsters today by delivering coal to Montgomery, Ward & Co. The coal team owners' association has arranged a conference with the employers' association when another effort will be made to make a settlement of the strke. When Secretary Loeb Return Tomor-

The team owners' association will That a Poor Man Cannot Afford ference, as Montgomery, Ward & Co. steadfastly refues to arbitrate the demands of the garment workers, although they have offered to accept concilliatory measures with the teamsters. All the places of the garment workers have been filled by the Montgomery, Ward Company and they assert there is nothing to arbitrate.

VALUE OF MEXICAN SILVER.

of Gold Standard.

mj-?pgp.. i-..B..S.Fel. hlauupaupp Washington, April 19 .- On April 10, who attended the butchers' meeting to in estimating the value of foreign coins for customs purposes, the secreincreased prices for Manhattan butch. value of the Mexican deliar for the was tendered the visitors and tomor- they must, in self protection raise their 47.7 cen's for the month of April, and

The change in value on May 1 is due purposes, where invoices are expressed the Mexican dollars, the value of such dollars after May 1 shall be computed as follows:

"On grods imported from Mexico, 49.8 cents the Mexican gold standard basis; on goods imported from coun-

LEVYING OF DUTIES.

Investigates Important Subject.

St. Petersburg, April 19.-The first pitiful tale of his life. He said he ment has advised Ambassador Porter imposed upon the Telephone company, official business taken up by the new had been neglected by his parents and that an American squadron will be sent Several weeks ago an effort was made American ambassador, Mr. Meyer, with of any person guilty of arson; but faff-Judge Bellinger announced that the allowed to choose his own course and to take the body of Paul Jones to the to organize a trading stamp company the foreign office, was the re-opening testimony on the trial as to the nature associations, to which he attributes the United States, probably in June. It is here among the merchants, but it met of the question of the removal of the lowed by a continuance of fires, will of plaintiff's injuries was confined to direct cause of his downfall, He claims expected that the Countervalling duty levied in Russia compel the withdrawal of the company. that of medical witnesses, and was so he was drunk when he murdered his will participate in an imposing funeral attempt was abandoned. The out- against American manufactured goods It claims that business written during conflicting that the court subsequent- sweetheart, was angered at her atti- pageant when the body leaves Paris ... come of this was the organization of in retaliation for the countervalling the past year has been unprofitable, the Business Men's League, one of the duty in the United States on Russian notwithstanding the fact that rates objects of which is to prevent the sugar. The levying of the Russian have advanced. The withdrawal of this establishment of a trading stamp con- countervalling duty, which is heavy, company would probably result in the gate the case, and it was upon their protection against a man who had Provisions Sent to the Red Cross Are cern here, and the ordinance which has practically resulted in the complete withdrawal of the others comprising was introduced at last night's session suspens'on of the importation of all the "Big Four," the Aetna of Hart-St. Petersburg, April 19.—The man- is said to have eminated from that classes of American goods which were fard, the Continental and the Home of being brought here on a large scale. New York.

ficiary for the same goods, many cases being imported through Germany, and the Russian consumers being obliged to pay an increased price.

At Mr. Meyer's request, Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has agreed to arrange that the ambassador be allowed to conduct the negotiations directly with the ministry of finance, where, it is believed there is a disposition to favorbly adjust this troublesome ques-

PRISONS ARE FULL

Prisons Overcrowded With Workmen Strikers.

St Petersburg, April 19.-The police are making numerous arrests of workingmen and "intellectuals," and the prisons are now full to overflowing. In former years those arrested before May Jay were chiefly "intellectuals," but this year the workingmen are taking such a prominent part in agitation and disturbances that they form a majority of those arrested. Practically all the delegates to the Scidlovsky commission , which was created in February last to investigate the causes of discontent among the working classes are in custody. Demonstrations and small riots are of almost dally occurrence.

WANT A REHEARING.

Manufacturers of Sinkers Object to Supreme Court Decision.

New York, April 19.A call has been issued by the executive committee of the Journeymon Bakers' and Confecmeeting in Chicago next Saturday to act on the decision of the United bakers' ten-hour law unconstituonal. The board will take up the ques-

President Still in the Woods Enjoying Himself.

LOEB VISITS THE PRESIDENT

row it is expected that He Will Bring Returns of the Big Hunt for Bear and Correspondents Waiting.

Glenwood Springs, April 19 .- With President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb in camp 20 miles from the nearest telegraph office, no news of the hunt came out of the woods today. When Secretary Loeb seturns tomorrow it is expected that he will bring information of the luck attending the president's hunt for big game.

The president keeps a personal diary and consequently all the correspondents marrooned here will await the return of the secretary with much impatience. Storms consisting of snow, hail and rain surged about the mountains in the direction of the east divide nearly all day and Mr. Loeb must have had a very rough and uncomfortable trip.

Parson Thomas A. Uzzell of the Salt Lake Tabernacle in Denver today sent the president, in care of Secretary Loet, a message asking that he be given the carcasses of bears killed during the president's hunt for distribution among the poor of Denver.

FIRE BUGS AT SPOKANE.

Big Insurance Companies Threaten to Leave the City.

Spokane, April 19.-The German-American Insurance Company, with assets of \$13,000,000 threatens to cancel its outstanding ricks in this city and withdraw from the field if the numercus fires attributed to incendiaries continue.

The company claims it is willing to post a reward of \$250 for the capture ure to bring the parties to justice, fol-